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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to learn of the death of David F. Rehkemper of Highland, who passed away on May 7, 2010; and

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WHEREAS, He was born July 24, 1944 in St. Rose Township, Breese, to August and Bernetta (Ketterer) Rehkemper; on May 1, 1965, at St. Paul Catholic Church in Highland, he married Monica I. Potthast; he attended St. Rose Elementary School and Mater Dei High School, graduating in 1962; and

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WHEREAS, After graduation, he worked as a carpenter for Ralph Korte Construction Company and for Aviston Lumber Company; he served in the United States Army Reserve and later became a barber at Ozzie's Barbershop in Highland; in 1968, he partnered with Ed Moenster and Clinton Rogier to form Tri Ford Inc.; they opened for business in 1969 and rapidly grew it into one of the largest businesses in Highland; today the business also includes a location in Greenville; and

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WHEREAS, Mr. Rehkemper received numerous awards from Ford, including the prestigious Ford Chairman's Award several times; he was named the Time Magazine Quality Dealer among Illinois dealers; he was a Ford Dealer Advertising Association member for more than 20 years, serving as the group treasurer for many

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1 years; he was a member of the Illinois Automobile Dealers  
2 Association and the National Automobile Dealers Association;  
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4 WHEREAS, He was named the Highland Business Person of the  
5 Year by the Highland Chamber of Commerce in 1995 and was an  
6 active Chamber member for more than 30 years; he was a charter  
7 member of the Highland Area Community Foundation and served  
8 many years on the auction committee of the St. Paul  
9 Kirchenfest; he was a member of St. Paul Catholic Church in  
10 Highland; Mr. Rehkemper was a past president of the Highland  
11 Rotary Club, where he achieved perfect attendance awards for  
12 nearly two decades and was also named a Paul Harris Fellow of  
13 that organization; and

14 WHEREAS, He served on the St. Joseph's Hospital Foundation,  
15 the St. Joseph's Hospital Advisory Board, and the St. Joseph's  
16 Hospital Administration Board for many years; he served on the  
17 River Bluffs Girl Scout Council and the Trails West Boy Scout  
18 Council for more than 10 years; he served on the Highland  
19 Community Schools Advisory Council, and was involved  
20 personally or professionally with several Highland community  
21 organizations; and

22 WHEREAS, Mr. Rehkemper had traveled to China, the British  
23 Isles, and extensively through Ford Motor Company trips; he

1 enjoyed spending time with his children and grandchildren and  
2 playing golf; he enjoyed working with people at his dealership,  
3 where he had a reputation for being a fair, honest, and  
4 friendly merchant and employer; and

5 WHEREAS, He was preceded in death by his parents; his  
6 brother, Rich; and his granddaughter, Amanda Lynn Rehkemper;  
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8 WHEREAS, David Rehkemper is survived by his wife; his  
9 daughter, Jenae A. (Shawn) O'Neil; his son, Eric D. (Janean)  
10 Rehkemper; his granddaughter, Cori A. Rehkemper; his grandson,  
11 Braden E. Rehkemper; his sisters, Betty J. (Cornelius "Dick")  
12 Richter and Janet C. (Donald) Huelsmann; and his sister-in-law,  
13 Darlene A. Rehkemper; therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL  
15 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with  
16 his family and friends, the passing of David Rehkemper; and be  
17 it further

18 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
19 presented to the family of David Rehkemper as a symbol of our  
20 sincere sympathy.